

OUTREACH

Temporary Forest Service Jobs -- Summer 2012

US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
Parks Ranger District
Walden, Colorado



The Parks Ranger District anticipates filling a variety of temporary positions this summer – maybe with you! Positions working in several areas of natural resource management usually start in May and last until October, depending on workload, weather, and funding. These positions are temporary – appointments are limited to 6 months or 1,039 hours. Employees can earn sick leave and vacation, but there are no health or retirement benefits associated with these positions.

Anyone interested in applying for these temporary positions must first create an online profile and fill out an application on the Forest Service's national hiring system located at www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html. To apply select the Vacancy job you are interested listed in the job description that you are interested in. This is the only way to apply for temporary positions. After filling in qualifications like education and job history, applicants must identify the specific jobs they want to be considered for and the places where they would be willing to work. To be considered for jobs on the Parks Ranger District, applicants must specify the job series for which they qualify (404, 455 or 462) and include "Walden, CO" to complete their application. All temporary jobs will be in Walden CO.

Potential applicants who would like to learn more about working for the Forest Service can look at the agency's website www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/. To learn more about the Parks Ranger District and the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest refer to the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/. Although we've included general information

below, please feel free to contact the Forest Service employees listed if you have any questions about Walden, temporary summer employment opportunities, or the application process.

The Walden Area

Walden is located in north central Colorado approximately one hour from both Laramie, Wyoming and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Denver is located 2 ½ hours away and Fort Collins, Colorado is about 2 hours away. Walden is a small town of about 800 people with a grocery store, two gas stations, a bank, two restaurants, several gift shops, and a bowling alley, a gallery of local artists, one bar, the Jackson County Public Library, and 8 churches. Walden is located in North Park, at an elevation of 8,000 feet surrounded by mountains reaching over 12,000 feet in elevation. In addition to National Forest Lands, the area is rich with other public lands managed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Division of State Parks, and the federal Bureau of Land Management, and National Wildlife Refuge system. There are numerous recreation opportunities including fishing many of the local lakes and streams, hiking, backpacking in one of five nearby Wilderness areas, rock climbing, mountain climbing, mountain biking and white water sports to name a few. Wildlife and wildflowers abound in this mountain park setting!

Parks Ranger District Housing

The Parks Ranger District has a bunkhouse available for summer employees. The bunkhouse is fully outfitted with two large kitchens, 2 living room areas, restrooms with showers and bedrooms all fully furnished. Employees should expect to share a bedroom with one other employee and to live with as many as twenty bunkhouse residents. The bunkhouse is within walking distance the Ranger Station and all the businesses in town.

Hiring Timelines for Summer Jobs

The Parks Ranger District likely will start hiring for the summer season beginning in March. It is important that anyone interested in these summer jobs sign up and submit an application as soon as possible. If your application hasn't been submitted in time you will not show up on hiring lists! It would be best for applicants to let us know if they are interested in working on the Parks Ranger District so we can help them with any problems and questions that arise.

Start Date for Summer Jobs

It is anticipated the majority of these jobs will start around the last week of May or the first week of June. People hired will be expected to work 40 hours per week through the season. There may be a few opportunities for people to start work earlier in May

or to stay on later in the fall if weather and funding permit. Crew schedules can sometimes accommodate students returning to school in August – so ask!

Temporary Positions for 2012

Following is a general list depending on how many employees return from last season and the level of funds we have to spend this season:

Series 0304 – Information Receptionist

One GS-3 position. Primary duties will be front desk. Assists Visitor Services Information Assistant in receiving and directing callers and visitors. Provides information about the organization, its functions, activities, and personnel. Arranges displays of informational materials in the reception area. Orders and maintains publications for public distribution. You will provide the district with radio coverage for field going personnel.

The vacancy announcement number is: OCRT-304-3-INFO-DT

[Contact Verna Valdez at the Parks Ranger District 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 Wilderness Crew Member, Forestry aid

Possibly one GS-3 and one GS-4 position. Will hike trails, backpack, and camp out for up to a week but 4 days is more common. Duties include trail clearing with primitive tools, campsite monitoring and visitor contacts.

The vacancy announcement numbers are: OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT, OCRT-462-4-TRAIL-DT

[Contact Jon Myers at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Trail Crew Leader

GS-5 position Duties – Supervise trails maintenance and construction activities on OHV trails. Proficiency in operation of ATVs and trail bikes and experience with trail maintenance and construction is highly desirable. Previous supervisory experience and certification in the Forest Service Forest Protection Officer program is also a benefit.

The vacancy announcement number is: OCRT-462-5-TRAIL-DT, OCRT-462-6-WLDN-DT

[Contact Jon Myers at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 OHV Trail Crew Members A few GS-3 & 4 positions –

You will operate hand tools such as Pulaski, pick-mattock, rock bar, shovels and chain saw to maintain and build trails. Ride ATVs to haul supplies and tools. May also ride trail bikes if qualified.

The vacancy announcement numbers are: OCRT-462-4-TRAIL-DT, OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT [Contact Jon Myers at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 Campground Operation Crew Member – GS-3, 4 or 5– Primary duties will be to complete maintenance tasks in developed campgrounds and other developed

recreation areas on the district. Tasks will include painting, use of ladders, carpentry work, repair of wood signs, repair of road and campground signs building repairs and plumbing repairs. You may also be asked to assist with cleanup of the campgrounds including picking up litter, cleaning fire pits and maintaining vault toilets. You will also be expected to answer questions and inform visitors about Forest Service regulations and general information. **The vacancy announcement numbers are:** OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT, OCRT-462-4-REC-DT, TEMP-OCRT-462-5-REC-DT [Contact Clayton Cornwell at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 Travel Management and Road Sign Maintenance Crew Member -- GS-3, 4 or – Primary duties will be to maintain travel management and information/directional signs on roads and trails. Tasks will include patrolling road and trail areas to assess sign needs and to repair and replace signs. Another task may be road gate maintenance and replacement. You may also be asked to assist with cleanup of dispersed camping areas including picking up litter, and cleaning fire pits. **The vacancy announcement numbers are:** OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT, OCRT-462-4-REC-DT [Contact Clayton Cornwell at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 4749 Maintenance Worker -- WG-5 – (One position) Primary duties will be to maintain and repair a variety of Forest Service facilities, including buildings, storage facilities, fences, gates, recreation facilities, recreation rentals, equipment, and travel management and information/directional signs on roads and trails. Knowledge or ability to learn of basic carpentry, mechanics, plumbing, and similar tasks a benefit. Work may occur in town or in forested settings, alone or with other crew members. Current driver's license and ability to lift as much as 50 pounds at one time required. **The vacancy announcement numbers are:** OCRT-4749-5-MTNC-DT [Contact Clayton Cornwell at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 Timber Crew Members– Looking to fill 4-6 positions at the GS-3,4 and 5 levels. Primary Duties – Timber Sale Preparation: Unit layout, timber marking to meet silvicultural prescriptions, GPS work, Timber Cruising to obtain sale volume, marking and contract inspections, and other miscellaneous duties. Some silvicultural duties may also apply (stand exams, regeneration surveys, chainsaw work, etc.) The Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic has led to an increase in salvage sales and fuel reduction projects creating a large and diverse, yet educational field experience. **The vacancy announcement numbers are:** OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT, OCRT-462-4-TSP-DT, OCRT-462-5-TSP-DT. [Contact Mark Westfahl at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0462 Fire/Engine Crew Member – One or two GS-3 or 4 positions Duties – Wildland fire fighting on a type 6 engine. Fuels reduction projects. The vacancy

announcements numbers are: OCRT-462-4-ENGINE-DT, OCRT-462-3-FIRE-DT , and OCRT-462-5-ENGINE-DT-REL2. [Contact Felix Valdez at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0404 Biological Technician (Wildlife) – Few, GS-4/5 positions.

Duties – Utilize visual, audio and raptor alarm and wail recordings to survey proposed and active timber sales for raptor activity. Enter data into computer.

Duties include, but are not limited to: planning and implementing surveys for threatened, endangered, and sensitive animal species (ex: Boreal toad, Northern goshawk, Golden/Bald eagles, Bighorn sheep), as well as neotropical migratory songbird monitoring, and data entry into the computer database. Raptor surveys include, utilizing visual, audio and raptor alarm and wail recordings to survey proposed and active timber sales for raptor activity, recommending protection measures, monitoring known raptor nests on the District, and collection feathers, pellets, or photographic images. Bird identification skills (aural or visual) and familiarity with GPS and GIS technology are desirable. **The vacancy announcement numbers are:** OCRT-404-4-WLDLF-DT, OCRT-404-5-WLDLF-DT.

[Contact Meg McElveen at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0404 Biological Technician (Botany) – Up to positions 2-3 total (GS-3/4/5/6/7/9). Duties include, but are not limited to: planning and implementing surveys for threatened, endangered, sensitive, and rare plants, recommending protection measures, monitoring selected populations, and collection of native plant seed. Plant identification skills and/or familiarity with GPS and GIS technology are desirable. Valid driver's license is required. **Note:** These are zone positions, meaning that although the duty station is located Walden, CO, employees will also conduct work on the Hahn's Peak-Bears Ears and Yampa Ranger Districts. Over-night travel (camping up to 4 nights at a time) may be required.

The vacancy announcements numbers are: OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT, OCRT-404-4-PLANTS-DT, OCRT-404-5-PLANT-DT, OCRT-404-6-PLANT-DT, and OCRT-404-7-PLANT-DT, OCRT-430-9-BOT-DT.

[Contact Marti Aitken at the Parks RD 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0455 Range Technician – One GS-04/05 position. Duties - Collects annual short-term utilization and long-term trend data using various methods, particularly paired plots and Daubenmire cover/frequency plots. Erects and dismantles temporary electric fences to create exclosures and additional pastures to protect sensitive areas and facilitate grazing management. Performs monitoring, inventory, and treatment of noxious weeds. Conducts allotment compliance checks and miscellaneous handyman work. Records and enters electronic data into computer. Horsemanship experience preferred and ATV experience helpful. Need to be comfortable working alone, at times, walking w/ pack or riding horseback in backcountry conditions.

The vacancy announcements numbers are: OCRT-455-4-RANGE-DT, OCRT-455-5-RANGE-DT

[Contact Mike Alpe at the Parks Ranger District, 970-723-2700.](#)

Series 0102 Archaeological Technician – Hiring 4 to 6 positions (GS-4/5/6/7).

Duties include, but are not limited to: conducting transects survey using standard hand held GPS, compass, and topographic map(s). Ability to conduct pedestrian survey in high altitudes and rough terrain repetitively for extended periods of time. Ability to effectively subsurface test/excavate archaeological sites and draws meaningful conclusions from the results. This includes drawing soil profiles, describing sediments and/or soils and identifying disturbance processes. Ability to identify, describes, and evaluates both prehistoric and historic period cultural resources. Knowledge of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, especially the application of National Register of Historic Places criteria to evaluate the significance of various cultural resources. Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written formats. Other desirable skills include GIS skills, especially ArcMap 9.3 and the ability to drive 4 x 4 vehicles on rough roads.

The vacancy announcement number is: OCRT-102-4-ARCH-DT, OCRT-102-5-ARCH-DT, OCRT-102-6-ARCH-DT, and/or OCRT-102-7-ARCH-DT.

[Contact Price Heiner at the Parks RD 970-723-2733.](#)

For general information about Walden, Parks Ranger District, qualifications for general series, or other hiring questions, contact Verna Valdez at 970-723-2702.